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Steady Flow of Applicants for OLCC Recreational Marijuana Licenses

OLCC Will Soon Shift to Processing Applications

Portland, Oregon – The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has received more than 230 applications for Recreational Marijuana Licenses since the application process started Monday, January 4, 2016.

“Despite the Portland Metro area being gripped by an ice storm the day the OLCC began accepting applications, the online system didn’t freeze up, and we’re continuing to receive a steady stream of submissions,” said Mark Pettinger, spokesperson for the Recreational Marijuana Program.

The online application went live at 6 a.m., and the OLCC received its first application at 7:15 a.m. from a prospective producer from Cave Junction in Josephine County. A [table](#) with applicant totals based on categories can be found on the OLCC Recreational Marijuana [website](#).

The OLCC set up a call center in preparation to handle what was expected to be a surge of activity. OLCC staff have responded to more than 400 calls and voice mails that have come into the call center.

Help calls have ranged from applicants getting stuck on the application because of computer operating system and web browser issues, to clarifications on how to respond to specific sections of the application in relation to the OLCC’s Recreational Marijuana Temporary Rules.

As calls begin to taper off, the OLCC will consider scaling back the call center and shift staff to other responsibilities – including processing the applications.

The OLCC projects it will receive between 1200 applications and issue more than 850 licenses in 2016.

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